

AATCHB Quarterly Meeting
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**IHS / VA RESOURCE SHARING
Clinician Training / Education**

- Provides nationally accredited training / education for IHS personnel
- Delivered to the desktop via DVD or streaming media – available on demand
- Savings in training costs, clinician absence for training

History

- Feb 25th, 2003 MOU – use strengths and expertise of IHS and VHA to deliver quality health care services and enhance the health of American Indian and Alaska Native veterans
- Goal 6: “Co-sponsor and provide reciprocal support for Continuing Medical Education, training and certification for IHS and VA healthcare staff.”

Availability


- Presently disseminated on DVD
- Up to 7 broadcasts per distribution DVD
- Sent to each Area CMO
- Streaming media server available, however for remote sites
- Recently implemented mass duplication capability
- Contact stm@ihs.gov, 615-467-1529 for copies

Broadcast Topics Samples


- Applied Principles of Quality Improvement
- Management of Acute Coronary Syndrome
- Mental Illness and Metabolic Change
- OSHA Federal Record Keeping Changes
- Mental Health and Aging

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Accrediting Organizations

- American Medical Association – Physician Recognition Award
 - Continuing Education Clock Hours – Social Workers
 - Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Educators
 - American Psychological Association
 - American Nurses Credentialing Center
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Benefits

- Over \$1.5 million worth of training and accreditation – in the first phase alone
 - Reduced travel requirements for providers allowing more time with patients
 - Increased training opportunities – wider exposure to varying clinical specialties
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FUTURE PLANS

- Improved content distribution – IHS coordinates with VA on centralized web based training
 - Increased sharing base – IHS partners with DoD to take advantage of their distance learning capability
 - IHS joins with VA in commercial training purchases
 - IHS provides training on American Indian / Alaska Native Specific issues in clinical and other settings to VA providers
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